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Appeal No. 2003-1198 Application 09/204,238

ON BRIEF

Before William F. Smith and Pawlikowski Administrative Patent Judges, and McKelvey, Senior Administrative Patent Judge.

Per Curiam.

## REMAND TO THE EXAMINER

The Office of the Group Director of Technology Center 1600 has requested that this application be remanded to the jurisdiction of the patent examiner so that the issues raised in this appeal can be reconsidered. Accordingly, we *remand*.

If reconsideration by the examiner does not promptly result in the withdrawal of all pending rejections, the examiner must return this application to the jurisdiction of the board so that the appeal may be restored to its existing place in the order in which appeals are decided. A new appeal number will not be assigned nor will a new appeal fee be required in the event that the examiner returns this application to the jurisdiction of the board following reconsideration.

### **REMANDED**

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